

## HF3443 in the Property Tax Division on Wednesday, March 9th, 2022

City of Henderson Testifier-Mayor Keith Swenson

ALLANSON'S PARK CAMPGROUND AND TRAIL PROJECT

2020 Census-Population 960 with 421 households

Approximately 40 Main Street/City Business paying sales tax daily and another 30-40 non-profits for Henderson Events which include Tuesday night roll-ins May-September, Sauerkraut Day's in June, Henderson Hummingbird Harrah in August which attract over 20,000 visitors plus additional daily visitors

Henderson was founded in 1852 with Recreational and Historic Tourism the City of Henderson's main economic development tool.

The Main Street of Henderson is on the National Historic Register

Allanson's Park was platted as a public park in 1850's and officially named Allanson's Park in the 1940's.

In 1985 through a Minnesota DNR matching grant a campground, a shelter with restrooms and sanitary sewer dump, showers, a trail, playground, and other amenities were built.

The 17 campsites with electric and water have been over 50% full of visitors except during COVID over the past 30 plus years.

A trail as part of the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission is being planned for by City of Henderson officials in 2022

The Henderson Scenic Byway Regional Trail is being planned as part of a flood mitigation project funded by the State of Minnesota in the 2020 bonding bill

Allanson's Park is being planned as 1 of the trailheads for this Regional Trail.

Improvements to the park campground and related facilities, utility improvements, handicap access, trails and other improvements related to linkage to local and regional trails are part of the budget

Terms: One-half of one percent, 15 years, estimated \$240,000 total revenue bond